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FOR AMBASSADOR ELIOT FROM HORNBLOW/ LONDON FOR GROSSMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, EPAP

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF AFGHAN WILDLIFE PROJECT BY
DR. EVA MARIA BLUM

REF: KABUL 707

1. DR. RICHARD BLUM TELEPHONED TO ADVISE THAT HIS WIFE
EVA BLUM WILL REMAIN IN LONDON THROUGH THIS WEEK AWAITING
WORD ON WHETHER OR NOT SHE HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT
DAOUD.

2. BLUMS BELIEVE THAT YOU AND BRITISH AMBASSADOR ARE BOTH
PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN SUCCESS OF PROJECT. DR. BLUM
SAID HIS WIFE'S DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT SHE SHOULD
COME TO KABUL NOW DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOUR READING OF
SITUATION. SHE IS WILLING TO COME TO KABUL AT HER OWN
PERSONAL EXPENSE IF YOU THINK THERE IS SUFFICIENT HOPE THAT
A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD COULD BE ARRANGED ON THE
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3. DR. BLUM SAID THAT IF HIS WIFE DOES NOT GO TO KABUL
NOW SHE WOULD NOT BE WILLING TO EXPEND ADDITIONAL PERSONAL
FUNDS TO VISIT KABUL AT A LATER DATE AND THIS FOR ALL
PRACTICAL PURPOSES WOULD KILL THE PROJECT.

4. DR. BLUM REQUESTS THAT YOU CABLE YOUR READING OF SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON C/O GROSSMAN BY FRIDAY FEB 3.

5. SHORTLY AFTER ABOVE WAS TYPED MRS. BLUM TELEPHONED FROM LONDON. SHE MADE SAME REQUEST AS HER HUSBAND AND I RELAYED TO HER SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE. SHE WAS PLEASED. I ALSO TOLD HER THAT YOU WOULD PROBABLY ADVISE HER NOT TO COME TO KABUL BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN GETTING APPOINTMENT TO SEE PRESIDENT DAOUD. SHE SAID SHE APPRECIATED THIS. AS OF NOW SHE IS PLANNING TO LEAVE LONDON NEXT SUNDAY AND FLY WEST. VANCE

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